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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, DA (QUEEN MARGRETHE II)

SUBJECT:POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY DANISH QUEEN

1. ON NOVEMBER 19, DANISH COUNSELOR DYVIG CALLED ON ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ROCKWELL TO SEEK DEPT'S VIEWS ON POSSIBLE OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY DANISH QUEEN MARGRETHE II IN LATE MAY-EARLY JUNE 1976, INCLUDING MEETING AND DINNER BY PRESIDENT. HE SAID QUEEN HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO APPEAR AT DANISH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION IN PHILADELPHIA ON JUNE 5, 1976 DURING A PLANNED TWO-WEEK PRIVATE VISIT TO US AND WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MAKE ONE OR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON AS WELL.

2. DYVIG NOTED THAT SOVIETS PRESSING GOD TO SPECIFY DATES OF QUEEN'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOVIET UNION IN 1975. GOD WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE BOTH SOVIET VISIT NEXT YEAR AND US VISIT IN 1976 AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE INTERESTS OF DANISH PUBLIC OPINION. THUS, THERE WAS SOME URGENCY IN RECEIVING SOME SIGNAL FROM USG.

3. ROCKWELL REPLIED THAT GOD REQUEST WOULD BE BROUGHT TO
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THE ATTENTION OF WHITE HOUSE. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT EARLY RESPONSE SINCE NO

FINAL POLICY HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED ON OFFICIAL HEAD OF STATE VISITS DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR. NO OFFICIAL GOD ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME COULD IN ANY WAY REFER TO POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE ADDED THAT, OF COURSE, SHOULD QUEEN MARGRETHE WISH TO TRAVEL PRIVATELY IN US SHE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

4. BEFORE LEAVING THE DEPT, DYVIG TOLD ACTING DANISH DESK OFFICER THAT HIS CABLED INSTRUCTIONS FROM COPENHAGEN HAD MENTIONED THAT VISIT OF SWEDISH KING TO US IN MARCH-APRIL 1976 WOULD INCLUDE TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON. DYVIG WAS INFORMED THIS INFORMATION ABSOLUTELY INCORRECT. GOS NOTIFICATION TO US AND GOS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN STOCKHOLM BOTH EMPHASIZED THE PRIVATE CHARACTER OF KING'S PLANNED VISIT. INGERSOLL

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